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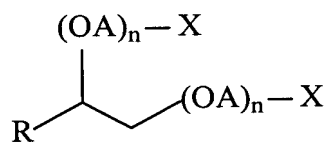
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IN THE CLAIMS

3. (Amended) A modified cationic polymer as claimed in [either of claims 1 and 2]

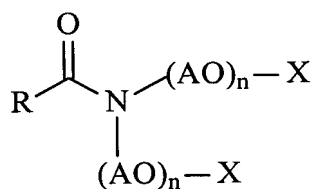
Claim 1, wherein

- (a) polyethyleneimines, polyamidoamines, polyamidoamines grafted with ethyleneimine, polymers containing vinylamine units or mixtures thereof are reacted with
- (b) at least one compound of the formula



(IV)

or



(V)

where R is C₈- to C₃₀-alkyl or alkenyl, A is C₂- to C₄-alkylene, n is 0 - 50 and X is a halohydrin, epoxy, carboxyl, chloroformate or isocyanate group or a halogen atom.

4. (Amended) A process for the preparation of a modified cationic polymer as claimed in [any of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, wherein

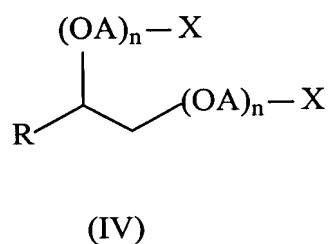
- (a) water-soluble, polymeric compounds containing NH groups and selected from the group consisting of the polyalkylenepolyamines, polyamidoamines,

polyamidoamines grafted with ethyleneimine and polymers containing vinylamine units are reacted with

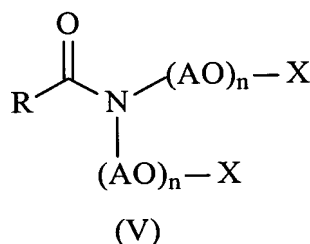
- (b) compounds which are at least bifunctional with respect to NH groups and have at least one alkyl or alkenyl radical of at least 8 carbon atoms and, as a functional group, a halohydrin, epoxy, carboxyl, chloroformate or isocyanate group or a halogen atom.

6. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 4 [or 5], wherein

- (a) compounds containing NH groups and selected from the group consisting of the polyalkylenepolyamines, polyamidoamines, polyamidoamines grafted with ethyleneimine and polymers containing vinylamine units are reacted with
- (b) at least one compound of the formula



or



where R is C₈- to C₃₀-alkyl or alkenyl, A is C₂ to C₄-alkylene, n is 0 - 50 and X is a halohydrin, epoxy, carboxyl, chloroformate or isocyanate group or a halogen atom.--

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